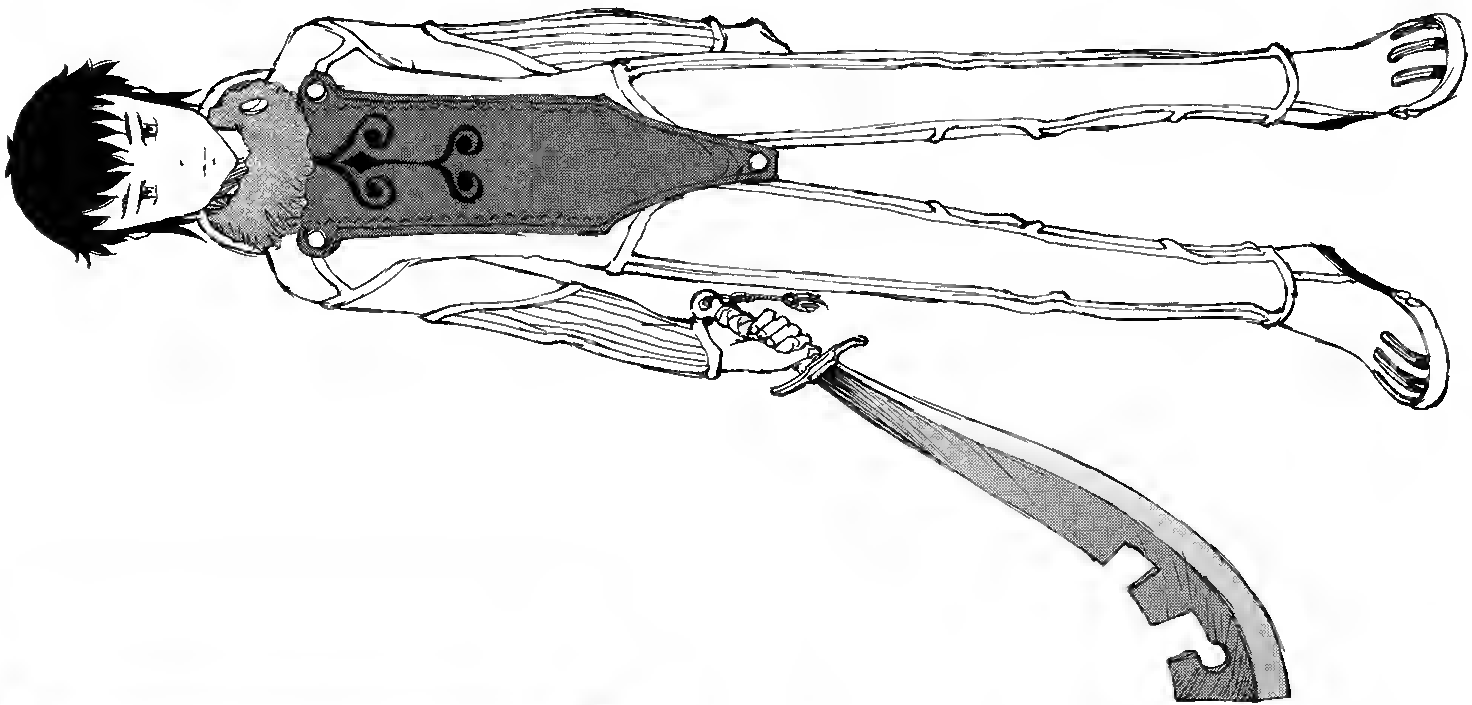
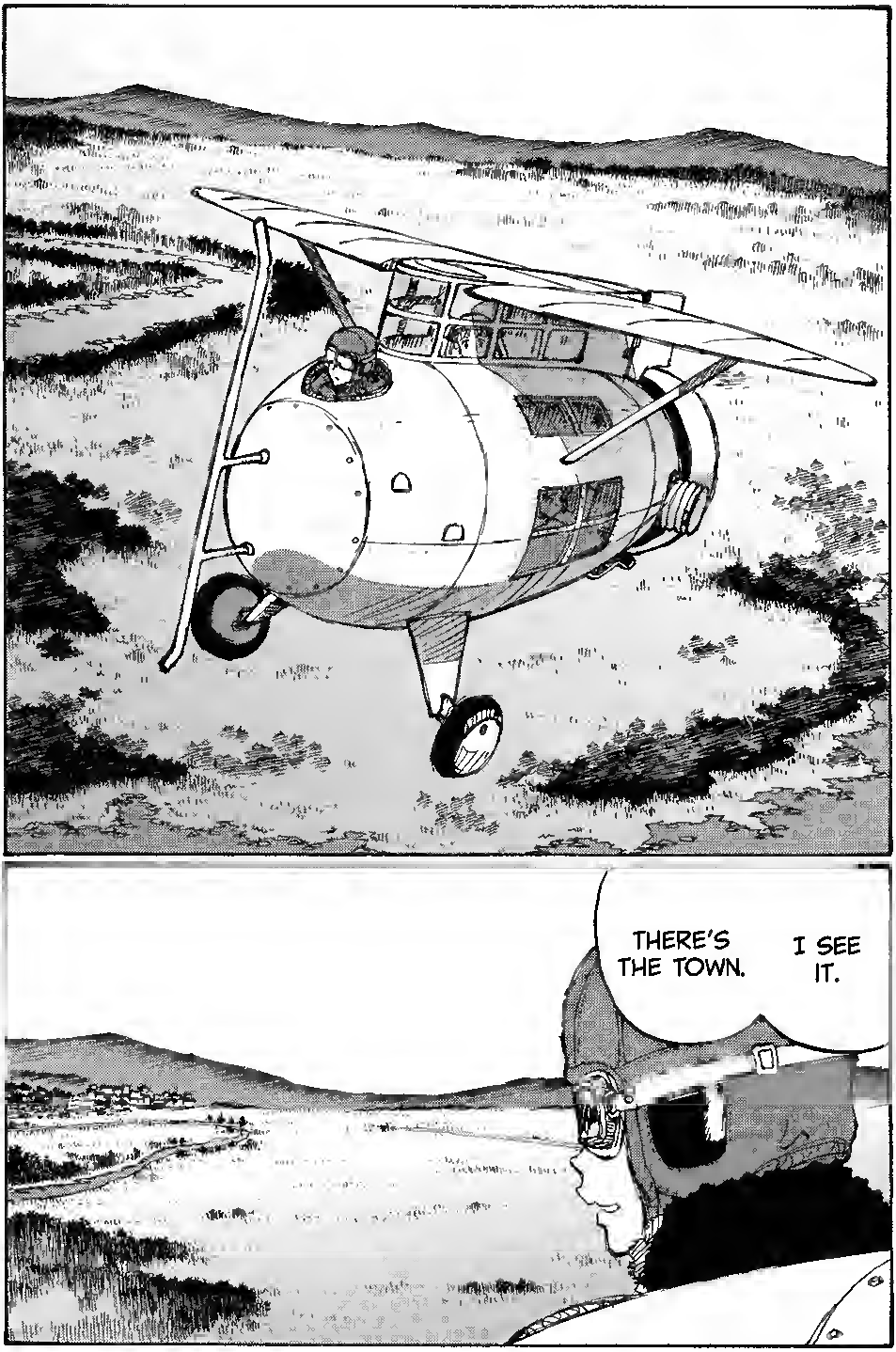


Chapter 4 —— People They Should Meet


THERE'S THE TOWN.
I SEE IT.

HEY NOW, TWINS!
IN THAT CASE, IT SHOULD HAVE A NICE MARKET-PLACE.
WOW! THIS TOWN IS EVEN BIGGER THAN I THOUGHT!
WATCH THE SKIES.
THIS TERRITORY IS UNDER KOU ARMY CONTROL.
WE'RE HERE BECAUSE SUPPOSEDLY THERE'S INFORMATION ABOUT A MAGICIAN.
WE'RE NOT OUT HERE TO PLAY!
IT'S A SPECIAL DUTY!
BY THE WAY, THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT ENTRUSTED US WITH SOME SHOPPING.
SPECIAL DUTYYY!
WHAT THE HECK DO YOU MEAN "SPECIAL DUTY?!"
THERE'S NOOO SIGN OF ENEMIES OUT THERE.
WE'RE WATCHING JUST FIIINE.
YOU SAY THAT, BUT IT'S AAALL CLEAR.

VEGE-TABLES!
FRESH VEGGIES ARE VITAL TO A HEALTHY SHIP LIFE.
WHAT? WE NEED MEAT! MEAT!!
ANYWAYS, THIS WAY WE CAN GET OUR HANDS ON SOME VEGETABLES.
THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN.
I WANT MEAT! IF I DON'T EAT MEAT, THEN I HAVE NO MOTIVATION.
THAT'S WRONG! IT'S MEAT! MEAT!!
THAT'S NOT IT; IT'S IF WE DO QUIET DOWN IT'LL ROCK.
IF WE DON'T QUIET DOWN, IT'S GONNA ROCK!
QUIET DOWN.
WE'RE ROCKING A BIT.

ARE THEY JUST GETTING CAUGHT UP IN THEIR CHATTERING?
WHEEE!
GYAAAH!

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SOME-THING'S FLYING UP THERE.
I WONDER IF IT'S A NAVY PILOT...
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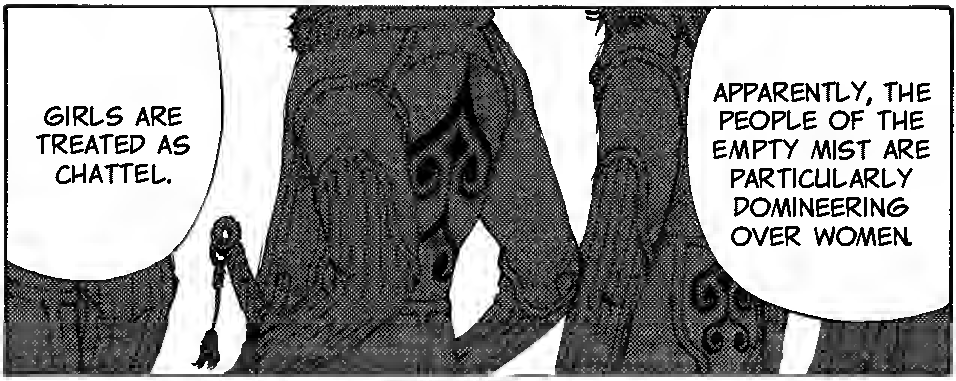
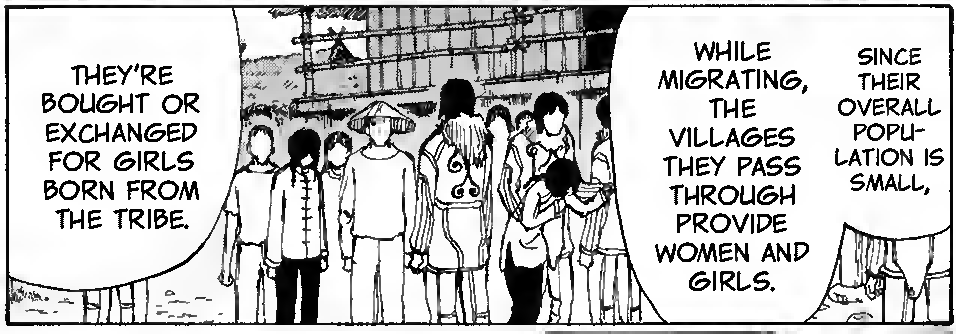
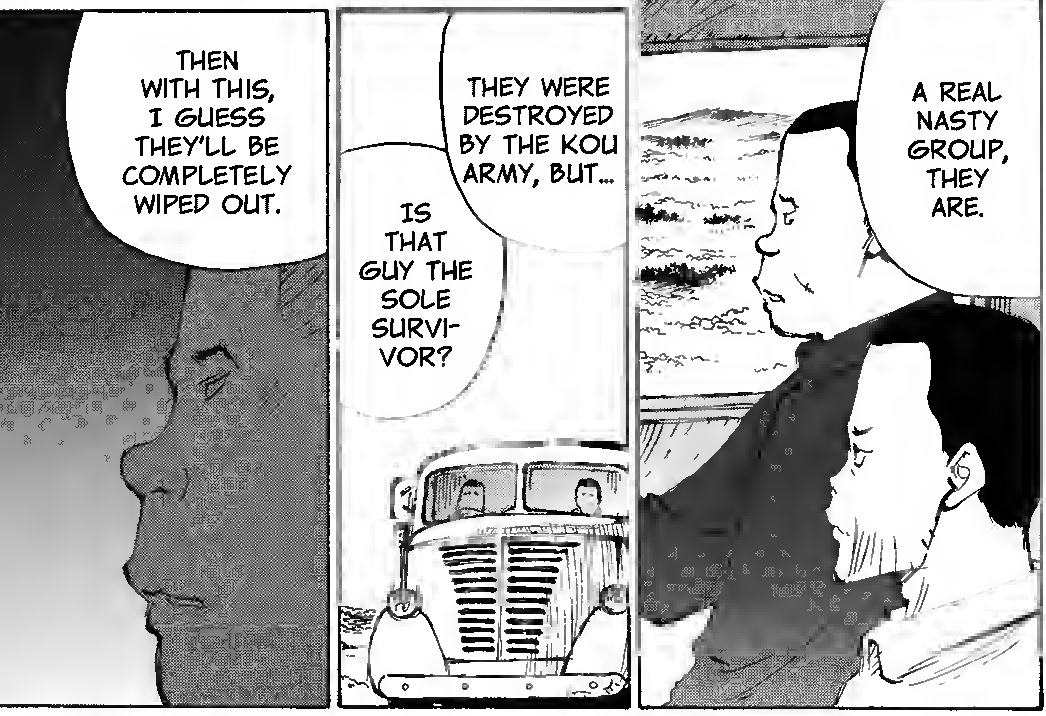
THESE PARTS ARE PATROLLED BY THE KOU ARMY, RIGHT?
THEN THERE SHOULD BE A NAVAL BASE NEARBY.
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN RELAX.
THE BATTLEFIELD'S TOO WIDE TO PROTECT *EVERYWHERE*, DON'T YOU THINK?
THIS PLACE IS JUST A TINY DOT.
BUT I BET IF YOU WANDER AROUND AT NIGHT, YOU'LL GET YOUR NECK WRUNG.

AIN'T THAT THE BUSINESS?
WOMEN WILL HAVE TO BE PROVIDED.
IF THE KOU FOUNT ARMY ARE GOING TO OCCUPY THIS PLACE,
A DOT IS JUST A DOT.
THE ARMY... IF THE KOU FOUNT ARMY COMES ALONG, WILL WE BE ABLE TO RELAX EVEN A LITTLE?
BECAME TEMPLE WHORES.
MY TWO OLDER SISTERS,
MY FAMILY WAS ALL POOR FARMERS IN THE NORTH-EAST.
THAT'S JUST HOW LIFE IS.
SO THEN WHY'RE YOU SO RUTHLESS ABOUT IT?

WILL HE REALLY COME?
THAT LITTLE PUNK.
HE'LL COME.
SEEMS HIS GOAL...
IS TO UNDO THE CURSE OF THE UNTOUCH-ABLE GIRL.
THAT ANY NEWS AROUND HERE HAS SPREAD TO THE CONTINENT.
IT'S PROBABLY TRUE...
WE GOT THE INFO FROM DOUO'S NETWORK.
AND FOR THAT REASON, HE'LL COME.
THAT MEANS HE'S AN IDIOT.


GIRLS ARE TREATED AS CHATTEL.
APPARENTLY, THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPTY MIST ARE PARTICULARLY DOMINEERING OVER WOMEN.


THEY'RE BOUGHT OR EXCHANGED FOR GIRLS BORN FROM THE TRIBE.
WHILE MIGRATING, THE VILLAGES THEY PASS THROUGH PROVIDE WOMEN AND GIRLS.
SINCE THEIR OVERALL POPULATION IS SMALL,


THEN WITH THIS, I GUESS THEY'LL BE COMPLETELY WIPED OUT.
THEY WERE DESTROYED BY THE KOU ARMY, BUT...
IS THAT GUY THE SOLE SURVIVOR?
A REAL NASTY GROUP, THEY ARE.

MURAKAMI-SAN LOST AN ARM, SO WHAT ELSE ARE WE GONNA DO?
BUT DON'TCHA THINK WE'RE MAKING TOO BIG A DEAL OF ONE KID?
WE BORROWED POWER FROM THAT DOUO GUY.
BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT,
GUYS LIKE US GOTTA PROTECT OUR HONOR AND CREDI-BILITY.
WE'LL WANNA INGRATIATE OURSELVES TO THE KOU AROUND HERE.
BUT HE'S THE ONE WITH ALL THE POWER IN THESE PARTS.
I CAN'T TELL WHAT HIS INTENTIONS ARE JUST FROM WHAT HE SAYS.
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN TRUST THAT GUY.

FOR NOW, IT AIN'T SO BAD TO BUY THAT GUY'S FAVORS.
SO WE CAN ONLY RELY ON DOUO.
GATHERING MEN RIGHT NOW IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US.
AND WE'RE DOWN THREE MEN, TOO.
UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T WIN IF IT'S JUST US AGAINST THAT KID.
OF SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN HATED.
HE'S GOT THE IMPUDENCE...
THAT KID
YOU SAY SOMETHIN', BOSS?

HOW SHALL WE START?
NOW, THEN.

I GUESS ALL WE CAN DO IS WALK AROUND AND ASK PEOPLE.
ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS HAVE THAT LADY OVER THERE.
'KAY!
'KAY!
IT SEEMS THERE'S SOMEONE BESIDES US ASKING AROUND!
THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A MAGICIAN!
PAULA!

OVER THERE!
SOME MOUNTAIN GUY?
WHO'S THAT?

AH!
WE DON'T WANNA STICK OUT!
PAULA, PLEASE DON'T!
HEY, YOU.

THUD

DON'T HIT WOMEN!
A MERE WOMAN HITTING A MAN?!

BAP

HIT BY A WOMAN.
I WAS...
THAT YOU'D THINK NOTHING OF KILLING SOMEONE...?
ARE YOU REALLY THAT AWFUL A GUY,
JUST NOW, THIS FUCKER SERIOUSLY...
FOR A WOMAN TO HIT A MAN...
THAT SWORD.
DID YOU SEE THAT?
IT'S A MAGICIAN!

I'LL DEAL WITH YOU.
IN ACCORD-ANCE WITH KONG XIA LAW,
TO BE HIT BY A LOWLY WOMAN ...
FOR A MAN
KONG XIA WOULD BE...
"CONE-SHAW"?
WHAT'S THIS GUY SAYING?

HUP!
BOOM
BOOM
STOP!
STOP!
THE HELL'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
THOCK

THUD
FWOO.

GRAB
THOCK
BECAUSE OF CREEPS LIKE YOU...!
THUD
CLANG

PLEASE, STOP THIS ALREADY!
SMACK
KRCK

PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO GATHER!
PAULA!
BAM
ASS-HOLE!
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT?

WHAT KIND OF MORON ARE YOU?
NOT THAT!
GAW-SAMA!
ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME NOW?

ARE YOU REALLY A MAGICIAN?
DAMMIT. FIRST THOSE GUYS AND NOW YOU?
GAW-SAMA!
PLEASE STOP THIS ALREADY.
I'M...
UNDER A MAGICIAN'S CURSE.
A CURSE?

DON'T MOVE.

YOU GIRLS THERE, TOO.
WELL THEN, LET'S HAVE A CHAT.
YOU REMEMBER ME?

BANG
GAH!
NOW WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TALK AT LEISURE.

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